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MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CIA PROPERTY SURVEY BOARD
23 October 1951

CONVENED: 0945 Hours

ADJOURNED: 1150 Hours

PRESENT: [redacted] 25X1A

The Minutes of the 17 July 1951 meeting were approved.

CASES PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION:

00260 - This case was previously presented to the Board at which time action was deferred pending additional information. The Board granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

00255 - Damage to two typewriters. The Board granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

00262 - Loss of two rugs valued at $90 each. It is believed that the two rugs are actually within the Agency but cannot be located or accounted for. The Board assumed this to be an actual loss to the Agency and, accordingly, granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

00263 - Damage to typewriter. The Board granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

00265 - Damage to typewriter. The Board granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

00268 - Damage to a desk at Briggs Warehouse. The Board granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

00270 - Damage to typewriter. The Board granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

00271 - Damage to typewriter. The Board granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

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00276 - Loss of brief case. The Board granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

00277 - Damage to typewriter. The Board granted relief from responsibility to the responsible officer.

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00266 - Accident in [redacted] wherein Agency truck was completely wrecked and damaged Eucalyptus tree. Evidence clearly indicated the accident to be the result of a mechanical failure. The Board noted that there is a possibility that a claim will be submitted to the Agency for damage from this accident resulting to a Eucalyptus tree. The Board granted the responsible officer relief from responsibility.

00267 - Damage to a Government truck while dumping waste material. The driver was held responsible for the accident but relieved of pecuniary responsibility for damages resulting therefrom. In addition, the Board felt that the warehouse officer responsible for the loading of the truck was negligent in not checking to determine whether the truck was overloaded.

00269 - Accident resulting in damage to a Government vehicle. Amount $59.38. The evidence indicated the accident due to a mechanical failure. The driver was granted relief from pecuniary responsibility for damages resulting from the accident.

00275 - Damages resulting from an accident between an Agency vehicle and a truck. The Board felt that it had insufficient information on which to make a final decision and, accordingly, action has been deferred until the branch provides additional information.

00278 - Accident involving an Agency vehicle. The Board granted the Agency driver relief from pecuniary responsibility for damages arising out of this accident. The Board further recommended that any claims submitted by the private party, the other vehicle involved, be denied by the Agency.

00279 - Damage to an Agency vehicle resulting from an accident. The Agency driver was held responsible for the accident but not guilty of gross negligence and, accordingly, the Board granted the driver relief from pecuniary responsibility for damages arising out of this accident.

00280 - Damage to a Government vehicle resulting from an accident. The Board held the driver of the Government vehicle was responsible for the collision but not guilty of gross negligence and, accordingly, the driver was granted relief from pecuniary responsibility for damages resulting from this accident. If the driver of the other private car submits a claim to the Agency, the Board recommends payment of this claim. In addition, the Board ordered a letter of reprimand to the Agency driver.

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00187 - Loss of brief cases and other items from an operational account. The Board granted the responsible individual relief from responsibility.

00274 - Request for destruction of a power supply unit. The Board approved the destruction and granted the responsible individual relief from responsibility.

The Board discussed the problem wherein items of property are missing from building officer accounts, but it is presumed that the articles are still within the Agency possession and have been picked up by other areas of the Agency but not as yet picked up on their accounts. The disappearance of this property theoretically does not represent a loss to the Agency, but at the same time the items cannot be located and their actual existence cannot be established. The Board has in all such cases, in granting the accountable officer relief from responsibility and the consequent removal from the Agency records of these items of property, been cognizant of the fact that on subsequent property surveys these items may be picked up in other accounts as overages and again be listed on Agency property records. The Board has approached the problem on the basis that the accountable officer must be relieved and he cannot be held accountable over a period of years on the hope that the missing property might eventually turn up. It was agreed that the property section in these cases would maintain an informal record of such items and attempt to reconcile these items with overages that should appear upon the basis of subsequent surveys. The Board agreed that it would follow this premise as the amounts falling within this category are relatively small in value, but if in the future the value amount becomes excessive the Board will reconsider its position with a view to recommending action to clarify this problem

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